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Dear Commissioners,

In an effort to assist county election offices with on-going and increasing elections costs, especially those associated with the Federal Help America Vote Act, Secretary of State Brad Johnson has committed to the following:

**Reimburse county election offices for 2008 AutoMARK support and maintenance.**

*Each election administrator must submit a paid copy of the invoice from ES&S.*

**Reimburse county election offices for 2008 provisional election judges.**

*Each county will receive \$500 for the June primary and \$500 for the November general election to help offset the cost of provisional election judges.*

**Provide up to \$5000 in grants to each county election office to assist with costs associated with implementing election security procedures.**

*County election administrators must submit a written narrative of the steps they will take to implement security procedures.*

*Counties that expend more than \$2500 to implement security procedures, may request up to an additional \$2500, with supporting documentation.*

We hope that the provisional judge funding will enable county election offices to secure more staff for late registration, particularly for election day staffing of the registration office.

Secretary Johnson has heard concerns about funding in his visits to county offices. He is supportive of the concept of looking to the legislature for a stable funding source for county election offices, and he is committed to utilizing HAVA funding to alleviate HAVA-related funding issues for as long as the federal funding lasts.

*Yea! Finally some GOOD news!*

**If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.**

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